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Dr. Esther M. Lederberg
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I thank you very much for your remittance of
S. abony strains SW-1403, -1418, -1444, -1446, -1452, and
-1462. They arrived in good condition and are now part of
our stock.

As requested we shall inform you of any
discrepancies we could find and also of the results we obtain
with them. We shall preserve the designations of the
aforementioned strains and give due recognition to your
kindness.

Also we shall not give them to other researchers
unless we obtain your autorization.

I have just one question to ask you, in order
to avoid any confusion, and it is with regard to strain
SW-1452:

a) in Dr. Mäkelä's publication: Genetics, 48, 423-429
   (1963) he states as the approximate point of origin
   of the chromosomal transfer, a place near the locus
   gal.

b) in the recent publication of Sanderson and Demerec:
   Genetics, 51, 897-913 (1965), they used a S. abony
   SW-803, stock No. SW-1452, obtained from Dr. Mäkelä

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and of genotype try-291. With this strain they found that the point of entrance was the same as with strain SW-1446, that is, at around 130 minutes or the pgi locus.

It seems to me that they are two different strains but maybe I am wrong. Could you inform me if the aforementioned strains are the same or if they are two different strains that, for some accident, carry the same designation SW-1452? I shall appreciate it very much.

I thank you once more for your kindness, please accept my best regards.

Truly yours,

Dr. Manuel V. Ortega

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